

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Since the present response raises no new issues for consideration and, in any event, places the present application in better condition for consideration on appeal, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered in response to the Final Office Action and Advisory Action.

As a result of the present amendment, claims 1-8, 10-16 and 18-37 remain in the case for continued prosecution. Applicants have amended claims 10, 11 and 37 as per the undersigned's telephone conference with the Examiner concerning the Advisory Action. All other amendments are believed to be the same as that previously considered by the Examiner in the prior 1.116 Amendment which was not entered. The undersigned also wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during said telephone conference and the telephone conference conducted on September 15, 2003.

This response is also being submitted with a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge said fee to the credit card account mentioned on the attached document.

In view of the actions taken and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

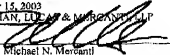
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